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SUBJECT: 1630450038 - St. Clair County - East St. Louis/Wastex

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On December 17, 1987, Randy Ballard and I went to the Wastex facility to check the status of the Chase Inventory. We spoke to Mr. Terry Hein. He told us there had been no significant changes in the status of the Chase Inventory since November 12, 1987, when Bob Johnson had been there. Mr. Hein related several reasons for the halt in operations. Wastex is waiting for approval of a plan to use the liquid and sludge waste in a fuel blending process. Tom Immel, attorney for the facility, has spoken to Jim Morgan of the AGO concerning the matter and is waiting for a decision.

No chemical analysis has yet been performed on the waste. Vivien Hammer is no longer employed by Wastex, as she lacked the proper qualifications. Wastex has hired a new full-time chemist, Nick Tita, who has an associates degree and 15 years of experience. He is now in the process of setting up and getting familiarized with the lab. He is doing some GC flashpoint and PCB tests for potential clients. He is waiting for some equipment to arrive to begin full analysis of the Chase Inventory. Wastex has also hired Mr. Ray Kelley as a chemical consultant. He will set up the analysis procedures, answer questions Mr. Tita may have, and perform some special analysis if Wastex lacks the proper equipment. Mr. Kelley presently works for P.D. George in St. Louis, MO and will continue to do so.

We then took a tour of the buildings containing the Chase Inventory. The number of barrels of waste in each building are quoted from the Wastex Inventory List by Mr. Hein. Within building 3 & 22 there were 1591 Chase Inventory drums, 21 drums of, according to Mr. Hein, clean kerosene in a corner and in the same area a trash can containing a reddish brown sludge unidentifiable to Mr. Hein. Buildings 31 & 16 contained 1650 drums of the Chase Inventory. Several of these drums were sitting in a pool of frozen rainwater. Building 35 had 546 drums of the Chase Inventory. We looked at building 17A which had 36 drums of product new paint, according to Mr. Hein. That concluded our tour and visit.

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cc: Bruce Carlson
cc: LPC - Collinsville

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY 5

INSPECTION REPORT

USEPA Number: ILD 98070744

IEPA Number: 16304500

Facility Name: Upstex Research Inc.

Street: 2000 Broadway

City: East St. Louis

County: St. Clair

Telephone: (618) - 271-73

State: TX Zip Code: 62205

Type of Facility: Notified As: G/T/TSD Regulated As: G/T/T5
LDF? yes ☒ no ☐ HPV? yes ☐ no ☐ 90 Day Follow-up Required? yes ☐ no ☐

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Region: 6 Date of Inspection: 2-4-88 From: 9:10 to 11:15
Weather (LDF Only):

Type of Inspection

ISS: _____ Sampling: X Citizen Complaint: _____ Closed: _____ Withdrawal: _____

Record Review: Follow-up to Inspection of : Other:

Non Regulated Status

Small Quant. Gen.: Claimed Nonhandler: Other (Specify in narrative):

Notified As/Regulated As Matrix Number: 104 Key Letter: J

Notification date, _____, from initial _____ or subsequent _____ notificatio

Part A date, _____, from initial _____ or amended _____ Part A.

Part B permit application submitted? yes no

Has the firm been referred to: USEPA? yes ___ no ___; IAG? yes ___ no ___; County
States Attorney? yes ___ no ___. Date of referral to USEPA: _____,
IAG: _____, County States Attorney: _____.

Federal Court Order Issued: _____ State Court Order Issued: _____

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TSD Facility Activity Summary

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